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RECORDS OF THE NEWENT CHURCH TRANSCRIBED FROM THE ORIGINALS IN THE
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Anno Domini 1724[3 overwritten 4]

The Church Record in Newent
Anno Dom: 1723

The record of ye 3^d Ch^h of Christ in Norwich, in ye County of
New London & State of Connecticut, in New England, North America
subject to Georgens II Rex of Great Brittain, France & Ireland King
Defender of ye faith &c.

Kept by Daniel Kirtland pastor of ye said eulifice:(??) &
V.D.M. in test Daniel Kirtland clerk of ye Parish as by law
established A.D. M Septimi ???mo &c (date in Latin)

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The Church's Call

We the brethren of the Northeast Society in Norwich
subscribing hereunto, have, after sufficient time of probation & with
mature deliberation unanimously invited & called Mr. Daniel Kirtland
to the work of the ministry among us in this place. Desiring he may
have the pastoral charge of us in the Lord. ----- Newent in Norwich
Nov: 18, 1723

Joseph Perkins
Jabez Perkins
John Read
Isaac Lawrence
Isaac Lawrence, Jr.
Jeremiah Tracey
William Read
John Safford
Nathan Bushnell
Samuel Lothrop
Timothy Allen
David Knight, Jr.

The Elders and Churches that were desided & which did assist
in the constitution of the Church & ordination of the Pastor on the
10^d of December 1723: were

The Revnd Mr. Sam^{ll} Whiting of Windham & the Messengers

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The Revnd Mr. Salmon Treat of Preston & the messengers
The Revnd Mr. Sam^{ll} Estabrooks & the messengers
The Revnd Mr. Azariah Mather of Saybrook: & his mess.
The Revnd Mr. Benjamin Lord of Norwich & the messengers
The Revnd Mr. Henry Willes of Norwich & the messengers

On the 10^d of December Anno. Dom: 1723 the Church was constituted &
Revd Daniel Kirtland ordained Pastor

The Revnd Mr. Sam^{ll} Whiting gave the Charge and the Revnd Mr.
Sam^{ll} Estabrooks the Right hand of fellowship

Test D. Kirkland
Pastor in Prefectus
& Mary his wife
Sept. 25 A.D. 1751

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The Doctrine of faith assented to & subscribed unto by the Pastor &
Church

We believe that there is, one only, true, living, & Eternal God. Infinite in his being, truth, holiness, power, wisdom, justice, goodness, and mercy; distinguished into, & subsisting in three glorious and undivided persons, who are the same in substance, essence and attributes, equall in power, authority, & majesty, yet distinguished by their relative and personal properties, the father being ye first in order begetting ye Son, ye Son ye second being begotten of ye father, the holy ghost ye third proceeding both from ye father and ye Son. That this God is ye almighty Creator, ye Sovereign, wise & just, upholder, disposer & governour of all his creatures & all their actions, that man created after his image, in an Estate of Integrity & Blessedness hath now suffered ye loss of both by his disobedience to & disunion from God & is by nature in a state of spiritual weakness, enmity, pollution, guilt, unrighteousness, & wrath. We believe yt when ye fulness of time was come, God ye father sent his true, only, & eternal Son, true God & equal with ye father, to take upon him, the nature of man that so subsisting in & consisting of two distinct natures & one undivided Person he might be a fit mediator between & reconciler of God & man & one efficacious Redeemer of man by pride(?) & power, which Son of God being anointed king, priest, & prophet of ye Church did execute his office by obeying ye law, repeating(?) the gospel, suffering death, & now presenting before ye father his Righteousness, Death, & merits & in sending ye holy Spirit to enlighten, convince, cure & sanitize all those that are given unto him who being enabled to believe on his

name, shall, in ye day when God having raised them from ye Dead, judge all men, be adjudged to eternal life & all others suffer everlasting punishment according to ye Scriptures of truth which we believe to be ye word of God & ye only Rule of faith & manners.

All consented tho'	Isaac Lawrence	Daniel Kirtland
they did not sign	Nathan Bushnel	Joseph Perkins
	Timothy Allen	Jabez Perkins
	Jeremiah Tracy	John Read
		John Safford

The Churches Covenant

Wo that the sinful creatures & unworthy Servants of Jesus Christ our Lord being sensibly of our own inability to make or keep Cov^t distinguishing?? all confidence in our selve looking up to God in Christ?? for ye help of his holy spirit in such a great work & solemn engagement without which we can do nothing as we ought to in ye presence of ye most high God & his holy angels & of their assembly with all sobriety & reverence at this time make or renew ye covenant with ye Lord our God & with one another and freely take & solemnly avouch the true God, father, son, & holy ghost one God in these?? persons to be our God & promise that thro his grace we will be his people. We give up ourselves & ours unto ye Lord to be his & for ever.

And we do promise that thro ye devine assistance we will obey ye divine will believe devine truths & run ye law?? of God's commandments, exercising our selves in ye dutys of piety toward God, sobriety toward our selves justice & charity toward our neighbours that while we live together we will endeavor to walk together in love & in peace seeking to promote & preserve?? ye peace of ye Church in this place & carefully avoid whatsoever may hinder or hurt ye same.

And because Christ hath appointed spiritual administrations in his Church as ye sacraments to signify seal & exhibit ye benefits of Christ as also admonitions for ye unruly, censures for offenders, consolations for ye penitents, to achings,?? quicknings, and exhortations for all; we truely countenance faithfully & freely submit to ye regular dispensation of all in ye Church of Christ in this place & for ye promoting ye same; perform our respective dutys unto others studiously & faithfully attending ye rule, in watching over exhorting & admonishing one another in love, as ye ??? requireth & as occasion shall be endeavoring that their may be a?? thro exercise of discipline as Christ hath appointed without respect

of persons to conclude?? we promise that we will thro devine help at all times in all things walk towards God with uprightness of hearts in sincerity towards one another with watchfulness in love & unity

Endeavoring ye best good of each other, the restraint on sin, the furtherance of ye cause of Christ amongst us, that we may be also saved in ye day of ye Lord.

And this covenant we make or renew this day with willing minds bowing our knees to him who is Lord & father of our Lord Jesus Christ & in him the God of all grace, mercy, love and consolation that by his assistance we may not only make but keep covenant & be steadfast with him therein unto ye end of his glory & ye eternal good of us & ours after us. Amen

All ye rest consented	Samuel Lothrop Isaac Lawrence William Read Jnr Nathan Bushnel Jeremiah Tracy	Daniel Kirtland Joseph Perkins Jabez Perkins John Read John Safford
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We that are joined in Church relation desire to take ye Scripture for ye perfect Rule of our life, & also for our Rule as to ye affairs of God's house, & for ye better understanding God's mind in his word conformity??. Church discipline we agree to practise according to ye platform drawn up by ye Synod at Cambridge in ye year 1748(?) which we look upon to be ye Congregational way & yt we choose to practise. Concluding that all organized Church Acts proceed after ye manner of a mixt administration so as no Church Acts can be consummated or compleated without ye consent both of ye Elder or Elders & Brotherhood.

Wherefore being called to
office I shall it being
my choice take in ye consent
& concurrence of ye brethren
in Church administrations
thus we agree whose names are
here unto subscribed

Joseph Perkins
Jabez Perkins
Isaac Lawrence
John Read
Isaac Lawrence
Sam¹¹ Lothrop
John Safford
Jeremiah Tracy

Daniel Kirtland
Pastor
Dec 25, 1753 (overwritten 1723)
A true copy of ye original

Nathan Bushnell
Timothy Allen
David Knight Jnr
William Read Jnr

Test D. Kirtland Pastor

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A record of the names of those that have been
baptised _____

Anno Domini Baptised
1724
January Seth the son of Timothy Allen

Moses son, Rebecca, Abigail |
Lois, daughters | of Moses Hagget

Joseph, Daniel, Nathan sons |
Sarah, Annah, Jerusha daughters | of William Read Sn^r

Elisha son of Deacon Samuel Lothrop

Jabez, son of Jabez Reede: Johnathan Whittaker, adult

Abigail daughter of Johnathan Whittaker
Benjamin Hall adult, Eliphalet Wood adult

Mary Wallbridge wife of Henry Wallbridge Jun^r adult
Mary Reede, adult
Daniel son of Tristram Brown [repeated ?]
Sarah daughter of Daniel White
Annah daughter of | of Henry Wallbridge Junr
Eleazer son of |
John son of John Bishop
Daniel son of Tristram Brown [repeated ?]
Mary daughter to myself ??? [this record partially
obliterated]
Joshua son of Joshua Brown
Yheade[??] daughter of Amos Wallbridge
Nathaniel son of Nathaniel Bingham
Dorothy daughter of Jeremiah Tracy
Lydia daughter of Miles Hall & Eunice Hall his wife
Sarah daughter of Johnathan Whittaker

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John son of John Bishop
Daniel son of Tristram Brown [repeated ?]
Mary daughter to myself ??? [this record partially obliterated]
Joshua son of Joshua Brown
Yheade[??] daughter of Amos Wallbridge
Nathaniel son of Nathaniel Bingham
Dorothy daughter of Jeremiah Tracy
Lydia daughter of Miles Hall & Eunice Hall his wife
Sarah daughter of Johnathan Whittaker
Zipporah daughter of Roger Haskell
Charity daughter of Capt. Jabez Perkins
Theophilus son of Benjamin Baldwin
Hannah daughter of Aaron Read
Amity daughter of Isaac Read

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Joshua son of William Read Jun^r
Rebecca granddaughter to Sarah Knight
Sarah daughter of Thomas Wallbridge
Sibil daughter, & Johnathan & David sons
of David Lamb
Jedidiah son of Jabez Perkins Jun^r
Richard son of Richard Kymball
Mehetabel daughter of Elisha Munsill
William the son of William Adams
Crain the son of David Knight Jun^r
John the son of ----- Abraham Burnap
Seth the son of Joseph Tubbs

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Persons received into Church Fellowship

- Oct. 3^d 1790 Lois Tracy, the wife of Elijah Tracy
 (Recommended with her husband to the Ch^h of
 Christ in Clinton, town of Paris Oct 15 1801.
24th Lydia Hale, the wife of David Hale, recommended from
 the Church of Whitehaven in New Haven.
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- 1791
Aug 28th Ezra Crosby.
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- 1792
April 22^d Lydia, wife of Ezra Crosby.

June 3^d Lydia Babcock
Daniel Bottom and Elizabeth his wife.
John Read and Lucy Read, wife of Samuel Read.
Aug 26th Mary Perce.

Apr 5 1795 Jedediah Safford and Abigail Perkins. Dismissed and recommended to the 1st Church in Mansfield June 17, 1798.
July 5 Abigail Perkins, wife of Capt. Jacob Perkins.
1797 July 30 Catharine, wife of Pharaoh, negro.
1798 Aug 16 Abigail wife of Septimius Lathrop.

1800 June 1 William Potter and Olive his wife, recommended from Hanover Church.
Oct 5 Rebecca Kazar, widow of Nathaniel Kazar.

1801 Nov 8 Moses Stevens and Hannah Stevens his daughter.

1802 April 25 Olive Morgan, wife of Capt. Elisha Morgan
June 6 Stephen Tracy, son of Capt. Andrew Tracy of Cornish.
Aug 2 Phebe Potter.

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Baptisms

1798.
Aug. 16 Lucy Lord, Septimeus, Solomon, | Children of
Wealthy Adams, Abigail, Harry Bishop | Septimeus
Lathrop
Nov. 11. Emela, daughter of Daniel Braman.

1799
Nov. 10. Jerusha, daughter of Jeremiah Tracy.

1800
June 26. Ebenezer, child of William Potter.

1801
April 28. Elias, son of Caleb Bishop.
Nov. 8. Hannah Stevens adult.

1802

June 6.	Steven Tracy adult	
17.	Elisha, Sally, Eunice, Lydia, Mary, Martha, Samuel, Harriet, Joanna, Julia, and Eliza -- Children of Capt. E. Morgan	Baptized by Doct. Hart First 5 adults of legal age

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Newent in Norwich December 1752

Here follows an account of those who were members in full Communion or Compleat Church fellowship when the Pastor was dismissed from his special Pastoral Relation to ye s^d Society by act of Council

Samuel Lothrop Deacon & Deborah his wife
Martha Lothrop, relict of Mr Joseph Lothrop of Norwich deceas^d
Charity Perkins, relict of Deacon Jabez Perkins deceas^d
Abigail Safford widow & relict of Mr John Safford deceas^d
Isaac Lawrence Deacon & Susannah his wife
Prudence Lovett relict of Mr Sam^{ll} Lovett deceas^d
Elizabeth Longbottom widow & relict of Mr Daniel Longbottom deceas^d,
Elizabeth Mason, widow,
Rebecca Perkins widow & relict of Ensign Jabez Perkins deceas^d.
Elizabeth Jewit widow
Hannah Read, relict of Mr. Aaron Read deceas^{ed}
Robert Kinsman & Rebecca his wife
Jeremiah Tracy & Mary his wife
John Read & Lydia his wife, Joseph Read.
David Knight and Abigail his wife
David Knight Jn^r & Abigail his wife
Johnathan Knight & Hannah ye wife of Mr. Benjamin Knight. Ester
Lovett wife of Mr. Sam^{ll} Lovett
Nathaniel Kingley, Prudence Arnold wife of Mr. Oliver Arnold.

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Dr. Joseph Perkins & Mary his wife
Cap^{tn} Jacob Perkins & Jemima his wife
Capt John Perkins, Matthew Perkins & Hannah his wife
Capt Samuel Bishop & Sarah his wife

Samuel Bishop Jn^r & his wife
Keziah ye wife of Caleb Bishop
John Bishop & Temperance his wife
Deborah ye wife of Mr Cushman
John Jackson & Amos his son
David Lamb.
Ezra Lothrop & Charity his wife
Samll Lothrop ye 4th & Elizabeth his wife
Elisha Lothrop & Abigail his wife
David Adams. Mary ye wife of Mr Samll Lawrence
Henry Baldwin & Mercy his wife
Joseph Read ye 2^d.
The wife of Joseph Tubbs
Jonah Birchard. London negro servvant to Capt John Perkins
Joseph Bushnel & his wife Elizabeth
Abner French & his wife
Robert Kinsman Jn^r.
The wife of Mr Nathaniel Kimbal
Moses Haggel & Rebecca his wife
Eliphilet Wood & Mary his wife
Joseph Safford & Anne his wife
Jeremiah Tracy Jn^r. Andrew Tracy & Ruth his wife
Mary Tracy Jn^r now ye wife of Mr John Huntington